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FORMAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Appl. No. : 09/784,654 Confirmation No. 5564
Applicant : GONZOLEZ, THOMAS A
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Examiner : Nguyen, Tai T
Docket No. : 01-0214
Customer No.: 37038

Commissioner for Patents
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Examiner:

This is a reply is the made is in response to the office action of October 12, 2004. Please consider the following reply to the office as follows:

Remarks/Arguments

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Neher (US 6,362,778) in view of Otto (US 5,982,808).

Neher has a filing date of March 9, 2001. The application being examined was filed before the Neher application, on February 15, 2001. Due to the earlier filing date of this application, Neher can't be used as prior art. In addition, the earliest